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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action dated 08/10/2006 finding that applicant has claimed three different patentably distinct species (i.e., no one of which is made “obvious” in view of any other or combination of others under 35 U.S.C. §103), applicant hereby elects for further substantive examination the patentably distinct Species I associated with Figure 3 and claims 1-8.

However, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider in view of the following explanation.

Initially, it is noted that the word “host” is used in some claims and “computer” in others. However, since the word “computer” is used in the sense of a computer